

deserve recognition for their great contributions to the state of Wisconsin, and I congratulate them on reaching this historic benchmark.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MATTHEW WALLACE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the tragic death of a young soldier from St. Mary's County, Maryland, who gave the ultimate measure of sacrifice in the global war on terror, saddens all of us. As we continue to fight this war, the loss of each and every service member is a tragedy.

St. Mary's County, the State of Maryland, and our Nation lost a great hero when Army Corporal Matthew Wallace of Lexington Park died from his injuries after being hit by a roadside bomb on July 16th.

Matthew Wallace is the 50th Marylander killed in the war in Iraq.

Matthew told his family that he dreamed of becoming a soldier. Today, a grateful Nation thanks him for sacrificing his life in the pursuit of enduring freedom.

He served in the Army's 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Often working at the front of his larger unit, he earned distinctions as a marksman and earned the Army Achievement Medal.

In correspondence with his family, Wallace expressed his hope that he was helping the Iraqi people. Unquestionably, his efforts gave generations of Iraqis the dream of democracy.

Wallace attended Great Mills High School, earned his GED, and worked at several local businesses in his hometown of Lexington Park, including Linda's Cafe and a local convenience store where his co-workers praised his maturity and sense of commitment. He enlisted in the Army in early 2004.

When he deployed to Iraq in December, he was well aware of the danger he would be facing. "He chose to do this," his mother said proudly. His sister Jessica recalled flying home from Basic Training with Matthew, who was still in full uniform, and a man came up to him and thanked him for his service. His older sister said she then realized, "he was now America's son, America's brother."

Matthew's service to our Nation was source of great pride to his parents, Keith and Mary, as well as his sisters, Jessica, Abigail and Micah. Matthew was a Top Gunner for a Bradley Vehicle for his unit in Iraq who once told his mother "he was going to fight the war on terror so his sisters' children never had to." He felt compelled by the events of September 11 to do something more for his Nation.

Indeed, Matthew Wallace gave his life for all of us. As his Representative in Congress, I am grateful for his patriotism and his sacrifice. The Fifth District of Maryland and all Americans join the Wallace family in mourning the loss of this fine young man a real hero.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Hellenic Caucus, I wish to recognize the 32nd Anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. On July 20, 1974, under the pretense of peace-keeping operations, Turkish forces occupied northern Cyprus and gained de facto control in the annexed territory. Today we remember those who lost their lives, the barrier that was erected, and the political upheaval it created. Sadly, despite attempts by the United Nations for a reunification settlement, the country remains divided.

On this anniversary, in addition to mourning and remembering, let us also look forward as positive developments have recently occurred. Earlier this month, Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat agreed to begin a process of bilateral discussions to find a comprehensive settlement to the ongoing Cyprus problem. Both sides recognize that the status quo is deplorable and its prolongation will continue to have negative consequences for both Turkish and Greek Cypriots. The Set of Principles agreed to by the leaders includes a commitment to the unification of Cyprus based on a bizonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in Security Council resolutions. Discussions would immediately commence to focus upon issues that affect the day-to-day life of the people while addressing those that concern substantive issues, both of which will contribute to a comprehensive settlement. This momentous agreement is the first step to engage in direct negotiations since Cyprus's admission to the European Union on May 1, 2004.

Recent events represent great triumphs for the Cyprus state and affirm Cyprus's willingness and determination to diplomatically resolve the decades-old inter-communal conflict. U.S. support, in conjunction with the U.N. and EU, will play an integral role in ensuring successful Cypriot negotiations. The United States must consider Cyprus as one of our nation's top foreign policy priorities. As Americans, we must guarantee that our foreign policy reflects our values of justice, equality and responsibility, and promoting a lasting peace and stability in Cyprus will help further those values. The United States holds a unique position of trust with both Greece and Turkey, and we must use our influence to work toward a solution that is acceptable and equitable to all of Cyprus's residents.

The European Union will also play an important role in charting the future of Cyprus. I was a strong advocate of Cyprus's admission to the EU because Cyprus, like the United States, shares a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the concept of equal justice under the law. Also, the EU's consideration of Turkey's application for membership provides a prime opportunity for needed reforms. If Turkey wishes to increase its global profile and to gain the world's respect, it must earn it by demonstrating its commitment to peace in Cyprus, as well as other important priorities such as ending the blockade of Armenia. Members

of the EU have expressed similar concerns, and I have urged Secretary Rice to emphasize those factors as the EU continues its deliberations.

Despite the obstacles and disappointments we have experienced in the past, we cannot abandon our vision of a Cyprus that is again unified and able to reach its fullest potential in the international arena. The United States has stood beside her in the past, and we will undoubtedly maintain this strong relationship for years to come.

Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for their recognition of this important event.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GLORIA JEAN MCCUTCHEON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader, university professor, and accomplished scientist, Dr. Gloria Sanders McCutcheon. After a distinguished career spanning over 30 years, Dr. McCutcheon is retiring from Clemson University. Throughout her tenure in academia, she has blazed trails for future generations and has provided steadfast support to her community.

Renowned scientist Dr. George Washington Carver once said, "When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world." Dr. McCutcheon has taken this admonition to heart. Born and raised in Denmark, SC, she is a product of its public schools. She is the daughter of Mr. David Sanders, Sr. and the late Mrs. Hattie Mines Sanders, who taught her the value of hard work, a good education, and a close personal relationship with the Almighty. She completed her secondary education at Voorhees High School, and the bachelor and masters degrees at Clemson University, B.S. zoology and M.S. entomology.

With that foundation, Dr. McCutcheon decided to take a different path in her professional life, becoming a pioneer in the field of entomology. In 1987, she received a doctorate from the University of Georgia, becoming the first African American to earn a Ph.D in entomology from that institution. After returning to her native South Carolina, Dr. McCutcheon became an integral part of the Clemson University faculty.

Dr. McCutcheon currently serves as a research scientist and professor emerita in the Department of Entomology, Soils, and Plant Sciences at Clemson University. Her research has contributed greatly to the decrease in pesticide usage in soybean, cotton, and vegetable production. She has published over 75 papers in scientific journals and extension manuals, as well as two book chapters as Encyclopedia Entries.

She is a Kellogg Fellow and has traveled throughout the U.S. and to South America, Central America, Europe and Africa to study and teach environmental entomology. She has been honored with the Award for Faculty Excellence by the Clemson University Board of Trustees in both 2002 and 2004. She has

served as president of the South Carolina Entomological Society and has served on numerous committees with the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. McCutcheon serves as president of Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in Charleston, SC. She has participated in several units of United Methodist Women, UMW, and is currently serving as historian for the UMW at Trinity UMC in Orangeburg. She recently completed 12 years as a member of the Board of Trustees at Columbia College and participated in a Roundtable with Policy Makers televised from Washington, DC in 1995, "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America." Dr. McCutcheon was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for Outreach by the Congressional Black Caucus for her contributions to the community.

Married to Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon, she continues to grow and share in their ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church. They have been blessed with two wonderful adult daughters: Priscilla is a political scientist and Ph.D. graduate student at the University of Georgia; Carmen is an attorney specializing in health policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Gloria McCutcheon upon her retirement from Clemson University and for her extraordinary achievements. She has stayed true to the vision of her parents and her community service, and has commanded great attention by her words and deeds.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

HON. JOHN J. H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the success of Building Safety Week 2006, an annual, nationwide event sponsored by the International Code Council, ICC, that took place from May 7 to 13. The goal of Building Safety Week is to increase awareness of building safety and fire prevention issues through a variety of activities on the national, State and local levels.

This year, the ICC Board of Directors and members of the ICC Government Relations Advisory Committee, GRAC, gathered here in Washington, DC and spent a day visiting with Members of Congress to help spread their message of public safety. I personally met with one of my constituents, Mr. Henry Green of Lansing, MI, who serves as president of the Board of Directors. It is my hope that my colleagues here in the House and the Senate will carefully consider the legislative priorities presented to us in these meetings.

I would like to thank these men and women for their service and dedication to ensuring that we all live, work and play in a safe built environment. Along with Mr. Green, these individuals include: Immediate Past President Frank Hodge, Vice President Wally Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer Steven Shapiro, Jimmy Brothers, Terrence Cobb, John Darnall, Gerald Gero, John LaTorra, Ron Piester, Ed Berkel, Bill Duck, Bill Dupler, Greg Johnson, Barbara Koffron, Ron Lynn, Tim Ryan, Adolf

Zubia, GRAC Chairman Ron Nienaber, Becky Baker, Bill Chambliss, Ross Montelbano, Betts Nixon, Emory Rodgers, Lynn Underwood and George Wiggins.

Congratulations again to the hardworking and dedicated members of the ICC.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN HARRIS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2006 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Harris of Coalinga, CA, the recipient of the 2006 California State Fair Agriculturist of the Year Award.

John has been a lifelong farmer, businessman and Fresno County resident. He graduated from University of California, Davis, where he received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural production in 1965. He served as an officer in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 and returned to the family's farming operation in 1968.

Becoming a true icon for California agriculture, John Harris strived for excellence since day one at the family farm. Currently, he runs an extremely diversified company growing over a dozen crops, feeding approximately 200,000 cattle a year, which are processed at Harris Ranch and sold throughout the west. In addition to his farming and cattle business, John Harris oversees the well-known Harris Ranch Restaurant and Inn located in the outskirts of the city of Coalinga in west Fresno County. As an avid horse-racing supporter, John also manages a large thoroughbred breeding farm and racing stable. John Harris is committed to bringing acclamation to the California's thoroughbred horse-raising industry. Mr. Harris is certainly a man who exemplifies an extraordinary ability to embark on new endeavors and be very successful at bringing many projects to fruition.

Aside from his businessman talents, John is a strong philanthropic supporter of his community and region as a whole. He is a member of many local community boards and contributes immensely to local groups and organizations with various missions to enhance the quality of life of Valley residents. Some of these include the National Beef Board, the California Beef Council, the California Cattle-men's Association, and the Pacific Legal Foundation. Some of the community organizations he has contributed to include the Fresno Metropolitan Museum and the University of California at Davis, specifically the Veterinary School.

John Harris is a living legacy of what California agriculture should strive to be as an industry in order to coexist with other booming industries and our environment. He works hard to incorporate high technology innovations to his business practices to protect the air and the environment as much as possible. All the trucks used in his feedlot and meat packing plant run on biodiesel and both the feedlot and the meat-packing plant are state-of-the-art model buildings for the industry.

John Harris is a man of integrity, honesty and compassion. He genuinely cares for his

community and is willing to share his vast knowledge with others. In addition, he and I share the same passion for the well-being of California's Central Valley. For this and so much more, I am honored to consider John Harris as a friend and certainly commend him for all his accomplishments and extend my most sincere congratulations for receiving this prestigious award from the California State Fair.

TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALL DRUG

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a milestone in the history of one of South Dakota's and the nation's most beloved and recognizable roadside landmarks. This fall, the Wall Drug Store will be celebrating its 75th year of continuous operation near Badlands National Park in Wall, South Dakota. Each year, hundreds of thousands of weary road travelers simply follow the billboards to enjoy a refreshing glass of ice cold water and experience a bit of small-town South Dakota.

Dorothy and Ted Hustead began their version of the American Dream when they moved to tiny Wall, South Dakota and purchased a drug store in 1931. The Husteads set out on their own in search of a small town with a Catholic church that needed a pharmacist and found it among the 362 residents of Wall. At a time when much of the plains were devastated by drought and the depression, running a small business was a difficult enterprise. In 1936, Dorothy Hustead came up with the idea to put up signs along the road offering free ice water to travelers on the hot, dusty prairie. Well, the signs did the trick, and more and more travelers came by the store. So they put up more signs on the highway, and from that point on business was booming. Before long, the Husteads were serving upwards of 20,000 cups of ice water per day and they had signs and billboards for hundreds of miles in every direction. Today, Wall Drug signs appear all over the world, places such as London, Moscow, and even the South Pole.

Seventy-five years after Wall Drug began, not much has changed. Wall is still a small town with a population of 818. Wall Drug is still run by a man named Ted Hustead although he is the founder's grandson, and there is still a working pharmacist on site. However, Wall Drug now occupies 76,000 square feet and is one of the leading tourist attractions in South Dakota. The store has become a leading retailer of authentic western art and memorabilia, from cowboy boots to original oil paintings to "genuine" stuffed jackalopes. As such, it is a major part of the economy of western South Dakota, contributing tax revenue to the town and acting as one of Wall's major employers. In fact, in the summer, Wall Drug provides 230 jobs in this town of 818 people.

I want to congratulate the Husteads and the community of Wall on the 75th anniversary of Wall Drug. Wall Drug is an important part of our state's history, and I wish them the best on their next 75 years of success.